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JOHN H. JOHNSON, VIKEX. REURTEL THIS DATE. NO RECORD AT BUREAU SUBJECT WANTED. OBTAIN HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS FROM SUBJECT FOR COMPARISON WITH EXTORTION NOTES. FORWARD TO LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION. SUBJECT IDENTICAL CHICAGO FILES

[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION RECORD BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

ONLY CRIMINAL PRINT IN FILE IDENT SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH DESERTER CASE.

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NOTE: Ident information [REDACTED]  
Case involves a threatening letter demanding \$15,000 from victim, publisher of "Ebony," "Jet," "Tan" and "Hue" magazines catering to Negro readers.

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[REDACTED] JOHN H. JOHNSON,

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IN CONNECTION WITH DESERTER CASE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: Dec. 23, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

was. [REDACTED]

JOHN H. JOHNSON -

Victim  
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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Reference is made to CG teletype dated 12/23/55 and CG teletype dated 12/22/55, captioned, "UNSUB was. 'The Committee'; JOHN H. JOHNSON - Victim, EXTORTION."

Enclosed herewith are the following items for examination and comparison:

- Q3 1. One envelope addressed to "Mr. JOHN H. JOHNSON, 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill." postmarked "Chicago, Illinois December 20, 12 M, 1955."
- Q1 2. One envelope addressed to "Mr. JOHN H. JOHNSON, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Ill." postmarked, "Chicago, Illinois, December 14, 1955."
- Q2 3. One letter addressed "Mr. Johnson: -" dated December 15, 1955, beginning with the sentence "We have let you operate for 10 years..."
- Q4 4. One Christmas card with message inside dated December 20, 1955, beginning with the words: "This is our second reply. We wanted to..."
5. Five envelopes with handprinting specimens furnished by the subject, and
6. Nine pages of handprinting specimens received from the subject.

The victim in this case is a publisher of "Ebony", "Jet", "Tan", and "Hue" magazines, catering to a large Negro circulation. He received the above mentioned extortion letters at his business 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, and furnished them to the Chicago Police Department, namely Capt. [REDACTED] who in turn furnished them to the Chicago Division, on December 22, 1955.

2-Bureau (Registered) (Encls 6)  
1-Chicago (9-2819)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: [REDACTED] et al  
EXTORTION

Coverage was given by Bureau agents and Chicago Police officers, and the subject was apprehended immediately after he received the package from the victim.

Upon interview the subject claimed he was sent to the payoff spot by a man named [REDACTED] to pick up a package and was to be paid \$5 by [REDACTED] when he met [REDACTED] after the pickup. b6  
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Coverage was given this alleged meeting, and no one with the description of [REDACTED] was observed in the area of alleged meeting place. b6  
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Subject's statements during the interview were extremely vague, contradictory, and he was reluctant to furnish any details of his activities that could be corroborated.

The handwriting specimens which are enclosed herewith were given voluntarily by the subject, but he was extremely slow in printing, appeared to be very cautious and continually attempted to compare printing which he had previously furnished. It will be noted that there is one page of handwriting specimens submitted on onion skin. This was an attempt to attain left hand-printing. Subject stated he could not print lefthanded and refused to try after printing a very few letters.

It is requested that enclosures 1-4 be examined for latent fingerprints and if any latent prints are developed, they should be compared to the subject's prints on file in the Identification Division (FBI No. 109209B).

It is also requested that enclosures 1-4 be searched through the Anonymous Letter File.

Further it is requested that enclosures 1-4 be compared to enclosures 5 and 6 to determine whether subject is the writer of [REDACTED] extortion letters.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: [REDACTED]

et al

EXTORTION

For the further information of the Bureau, the enclosed extortion letters have not been examined by the Chicago Police Department Laboratory.

It is requested that enclosures 1-4 be returned to the Chicago Division when Laboratory examinations are completed.

The victim in this case is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Age	37
Height	5'11 1/2"
Weight	205 lbs.
Build	Stout

Subject is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	29
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Build	Thin
Education	7 grades
Occupation	Unemployed
Military Service	9 years

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SAC, CHICAGO DEFERRED

[REDACTED] JOHN H. JOHNSON - VIKEX. REURLET DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE  
AND URTEL DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT. NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WROTE HAND PRINTING ON QUESTIONED SPECIMENS. SIGNIFICANT HAND  
PRINTING CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON NOTED WHICH SUGGEST UNDICTATED UPPER  
CASE HAND PRINTING SAMPLES OF [REDACTED] WOULD BE HELPFUL. ALL EVIDENCE  
WILL BE HELD IN LAB FOR THIRTY DAYS PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL KNOWN  
HAND PRINTING UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE. HAND PRINTING ON QUESTIONED  
DOCUMENTS NOT IDENTIFIED IN ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE. QUESTIONED SPECIMEN  
EXAMINED AND ONE LATENT PALM PRINT DEVELOPED ON BACK OF YOUR ITEM FOUR.  
NO PALM PRINTS OF SUBJECT AVAILABLE OUR FILES. RUC.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 12-29-55 11:00 AM/ho

Re:    
 John H. Johnson -  
 Victim  
 EXTORTION

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File # 9-29282-3V  
 Lab. # D 218119 BF

Examination requested by: Sac, Chicago (9-2319)

Date of reference communication: Let. 12-23-55

Date received: 12-27-55

Examination requested: Document &amp; Fingerprint

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Result of Examination:

Examination by: 

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 One envelope addressed to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Ill." postmarked, "Chicago, Illinois, December 14, 1955."
- Q2 One letter addressed "Mr. Johnson:-" dated December 15, 1955, beginning with the sentence "We have let you operate for 10 years..."
- Q3 One envelope addressed to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill." postmarked "Chicago, Illinois December 20, 12 H, 1955."
- Q4 One Christmas card with message inside dated January 20, 1955, beginning with the words: "This is our second year wanted to...."
- Q5 Five envelopes and nine pages bearing the known handprinting of

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*Examined evidence 12-29*  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen *et al* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# **TRANSIENT HELD IN EXTORT PLOT ON PUEBLO PUBLISHER**

Richard Bowles, 31, of 12 S. Peoria St., Chicago, 4, faced federal charges of mailing two extortion letters yesterday after his arrest Thursday night in an alleged attempt to extort \$15,000 from John H. Johnson, wealthy publisher of Negro magazine.

Bowles was seized by federal bureau of investigation agents as he approached an auto in which Johnson was waiting at 209 W. Garfield blvd. and reached for a package the pub-



Bowles (left) and Johnson

lisher was holding. Johnson had been warned to have the money ready by a letter and a card which threatened him with death and demanded the money as the "fee" for membership in an unnamed organization.

United States Commissioner C. S. Bentley Pike ordered Bowles held in \$3,000 bond for a hearing Thursday on the charges. If convicted, he would face a maximum of 40 years in prison and \$10,000 in fine.

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 John H. Johnson - with*

*Chicago O.C.*

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 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Rosen *File*  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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## Publisher Foils Extortion Plot

A plot to extort \$15,000 from John H. Johnson, wealthy magazine publisher, was nipped today by FBI agents and Scotland Yard police.

Seized as he walked into a trap and accepted "payment" from the intended victim was Richard Bowles, 29, of 12 S. Peoria st., one-time Army deserter.

Bowles, who used his last 20 cents for bus fare from the Loop to the "payoff spot" at 209 E. 55th st., was named in a federal extortion charge.

### EBONY PUBLISHER

Johnson publishes Ebony, Jet and other magazines. He lives at 845 Drexel sq., but the extortion letters were sent to his office at 1820 S. Michigan av.

The first missive, received Dec. 14, was signed "The Committee." It instructed Johnson to get ready \$15,000 in \$20 and smaller bills as his "fee" for

joining an unnamed organization. The letter continued:

"The companies who refuse to joint don't stay in business long. I am sure you have read about places being bombed or cars blowing up. More instructions later."

### CHRISTMAS CARD

A Christmas card, postmarked Dec. 20, directed Johnson to deliver the money on Garfield blvd., between Indiana and Prairie avs.

Under instructions of FBI agents and Chicago police, the publisher prepared a dummy package and drove to the designated vicinity.

Bowles stepped up as soon as the car was parked and accepted the package. Officers closed in and made the arrest.

Born in Chicago, Bowles deserted from the Army at Fort Custer in 1951 and gave up two years later. He was on unemployment compensation until October and has since worked as a dishwasher.

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# Nabbed In \$15,000 Extort Plot

An ex-dishwasher was in custody Friday, charged with trying to extort \$15,000 from John H. Johnson, publisher of Ebony and other magazines.

Police and FBI men said they trapped Richard Bowles, 29, after he accepted a dummy package from Johnson Thursday night.

JOHNSON had received two threatening letters and the package was supposed to be the payoff, according to Donald Hostetter, FBI chief here.

Bowles was seized near 200 E. Garfield blvd, while Johnson sat nearby in a parked auto, according to authorities. Bowles, of 12 S. Peoria, has an alias of "Skid Row," Hostetter said.

JOHNSON received the first threatening letter Dec. 14, according to the FBI. The letter instructed Johnson to get \$15,000 in \$20 bills and smaller ones—his fee for joining an unnamed organization.

HOSTETTER quoted the letter as saying:

"The companies who refuse to join don't stay in business long. I am sure you have read about places being bombed or

cars blowing up."

The letter was signed, "The Committee," and said Johnson would get further instructions, the FBI said.

LATER HE received a Christmas card, mailed here Dec. 20, Hostetter said.

The card instructed him to be on Garfield blvd. between Indiana and Prairie at 7 p.m. Thursday, and contained this threat:

"If anything goes wrong, someone can get ready to bury you or someone close to you, and if you refuse the next in line for the business will pay."

JOHNSON notified authorities after receiving the first letter. The arrest was made by a Scotland Yard police detail headed by Lt. Joseph Morris.

Hostetter said Bowles was unarmed when seized.

In Bowles' pocket was a copy of Jet magazine, listing Johnson as publisher and his business address of 1820 S. Michigan, Hostetter said.

Bowles spent his last 20 cents to get from the Loop to the payoff spot, according to agents.

They declined to say whether he admitted or denied the plot.

FBI records showed that Bowles served in the Army in World War II, re-enlisted and went AWOL for two years before turning himself in in March, 1953.

U.S. Commissioner C. S. Bentley Pike continued a hearing on the extortion charge to next Thursday and set bond at \$3,000.

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Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman	_____
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# Nab Suspect in \$15,000 Extortion Plot

A police trap baited with a dummy package has sprung on a man accused of trying to extort \$15,000 from John H. Johnson, magazine publisher.

Richard Bowles, 29, of 12 S. Peoria, was seized as he took the package in front of 209 E. Garfield. The trap was set by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and city police, with Johnson pretending to carry out the extortionist's instruction.

Bowles admitted sending two notes to Johnson, publisher of Ebony and Jet magazines, demanding \$15,000 under threat of death, Don S. Hostetter, agent in charge of the FBI office here, said Friday.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *FR*

DATE: 12/22/55

FROM : F. L. Price *FLP*b6  
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Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
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Winterrowd	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], WITH ALIASES;  
JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

SAC Hostetter, Chicago, was telephonically contacted and asked the present status of the payoff coverage which was to have taken place at 7 p.m. CST today along Garfield Street, Chicago, Illinois. This case involves a threatening letter demanding \$15,000 of John H. Johnson, publisher of "Ebony," "Jet," "Tan," and "Hue" magazines catering to Negro readers.

Hostetter stated that approximately 15 minutes prior to this call surveilling Agents and Chicago police officers under his over-all supervision grabbed a Negro male who attempted to gain possession of the extortion package. Hostetter said the suspect identifies himself as [REDACTED] and is at the moment en route to the Chicago Office. Full facts are not yet known but [REDACTED] claims that some party unknown to him sent him to pick up the package. Hostetter stated that descriptive data regarding [REDACTED] is not yet available.

ACTION TAKEN:

SAC Hostetter was instructed that the Bureau be immediately advised of all developments in this matter. He was authorized to make a joint release to the press with the Chicago Police Department in the event [REDACTED] is identified as the extortionist and prosecution is authorized. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] office concurred in this authorization.

A check of the Bureau indices reflected [REDACTED] is identical with one [REDACTED] subject of a Selective Service case in 1943, Bureau file [REDACTED] Chicago file [REDACTED]. He is identical with the subject of a fugitive deserter case, Bureau file [REDACTED] Chicago file [REDACTED]. Chicago has advised subject has FBI # [REDACTED]. Supervisor [REDACTED] of the Identification Division advised there is no record in the Identification Division to the effect subject is wanted.

cc: 1- Mr. Nichols  
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ADDENDUM: 12/23/55

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Chicago/teletype 12/23/55 was furnished with the results of the Bureau indices check. Also advised that the [REDACTED] print in file was in connection with the deserter case that the identification record being forwarded. Chicago advised subject not wanted. Chicago instructed [REDACTED] in handprinting specimens for comparison purposes.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

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BUFILE [ ] reflects [ ] declared delinquent 6/30/43, b6  
for failure to advise his local board of his change of address and b7C  
failure to report for induction. On 11/23/43, he voluntarily removed  
the delinquency and the USA declined prosecution. He was inducted  
11/29/43. BUFILE [ ] reflects [ ], who reenlisted 1/14/49,  
deserted 8/2/51, from Fort Custer, Michigan. Bureau assistance was  
requested. He surrendered to the Illinois Military Police Chicago  
3/20/53.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 12-23-55

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] WITH ALIASES

JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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This matter was formerly captioned "Unknown Subject, with alias 'The Committee' John H. Johnson - Victim; Extortion."

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This case involves a threatening letter demanding \$15,000 of John H. Johnson, publisher of "Ebony", "Jet", "Tan" and "Hue" magazines catering to Negro readers. The pay-off was to take place at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, 12-22-55 along Garfield Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Surveilling Agents and Chicago Police Officers under the overall supervision of SAC Hostetter at 7:00 p.m. arrested [REDACTED] when he approached victim's car and asked for and received the dummy package. [REDACTED] claimed he was sent by a man named [REDACTED] to pick up package for which he was to be paid \$5 when he met [REDACTED] at the corner of Van and State Streets, Chicago, at 10:00 p.m. No one answering description of [REDACTED] observed at this area at alleged meeting time.

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Subject's statements vague, contradictory and he was reluctant to furnish details of activities that can be corroborated. AUSA Frank McGarr, Chicago, authorized prosecution and subject will be arraigned before United States Commissioner 12-23-55.

ACTION TAKEN

SAC Hostetter was advised by SA Coneys he was authorized to make joint release to press with Chicago Police Department in the event subject was identified as the extortionist and prosecution authorized. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Office concurred in this authorization. [REDACTED] identical with individual same name, FBI number [REDACTED] Identification Division advised no wants outstanding. Check of fugitive index and deserter and selective service indices reflected no wants on [REDACTED] identical with subject, Bureau files [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Miss Gandy	_____

FBI, CHICAGO  
DIRECTOR, FBI

12-28-55

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ATTENTION..... FBI LAB.....

[REDACTED] WAS., JOHN H. JOHNSON DASH VIKEX. REMYLET DEC.

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MR. ROSEN  
~~AND SUPERVISOR~~  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Mr. Roben

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FBI, CHICAGO

12-29-55

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DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION..... FBI LAB.....

[REDACTED] WAS., JOHN H. JOHNSON DASH VIKEX. REMYLET DEC.

TWENTY THREE LAST AND MY TEL DEC. TWENTY EIGHT LAST. USA CG  
DESIRES RESULTS OF LAB EXAM BE FURNISHED PRIOR TO JAN. FOUR  
NEXT WHEN SUBJ APPEARS FOR HEARING BEFORE USC CG.

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Mr. Rosen

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FBI, CHICAGO 12-22-55 3-55 PM EDS  
DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

UNKNOWN SUBJ, WA. THE COMMITTEE., JOHN H. JOHNSON DASH VICTIM. EXTORTION  
VICTIM REPORTED TO TIMOTHY J. O-CONNOR, COMMISSIONER, CG PD, TODAY  
THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TWO THREATENING LETTERS. COMM. O-CONNOR  
IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED THIS OFFICE. FIRST LETTER POSTMARKED CG DEC.  
FOURTEEN, FIFTYFIVE, ADDRESSED TO VICTIM AT ONE EIGHT TWO ZERO S.  
MICHIGAN AVE., CG, INDICATED A FEE OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS TO  
BE PAID AND THAT THE WRITER WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH MR. JOHNSON LATER.  
SECOND LETTER ADDRESSED TO VICTIM AT SAME ADDRESS, POSTMARKED CG, ILL.,  
DEC. TWENTY, FIFTYFIVE, IN HANDPRINTING, READS IN PART QUOTE WE WILL BE  
LOOKING FOR YOU TO MAKE DELIVERY DEC. TWENTYTWO, FIFTYFIVE, AT SEVEN PM.  
YOU ARE TO LEAVE YOUR BUSINESS AT SIX THIRTY PM. PROCEED SOUTH ON  
WABASH TO GARFIELD BLVD. EAST ON GARFIELD TO INDIANA. PARK ON  
GARFIELD BETWEEN INDIANA AND PRAIRIE HEADING EAST. TWO OF US WILL  
FOLLOW YOU FROM YOUR BUSINESS TO GARFIELD TO SEE IF YOU ARE ALONE. IF  
YOU HAVE GOTTED IN TOUCH WITH ANYONE WE WILL KNOW IT. IF YOU HAVE  
IT IS A WASTE OF TIME FOR YOU TO SHOW UP. YOU ALREADY HAVE SIGNED  
END PAGE ONE

Mr. Rosen

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PAGE TWO

SOMEONE-S DEATH EITHER YOU OR CLOSE TO YOU. THE LAST ONE OF US WILL GET SOME WHO NEEDS A DRINK OF WINE OR A COUPLE DOLLARS TO COME TO YOUR CAR TO GET THE PACKAGE. THEN YOU LEAVE BECAUSE QE WILL HAVE EVERYTHING CONTROLLED. BUT IF ANYTHING GO WRONG SOMEONE CAN GET READY TO BURY YOU OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU. VERY FEW PEOPLE REFUSE BECAUSE <sup>W</sup>WE DO OUR WORK WELL. YOU THINK BECAUSE THIS IS A SMALL TO BE HAPPY AND ALIVE. WE HAVE BEEN IN THE BUSINESS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. IF YOU REFUSE THE NEXT IN LINE FOR THE BUSINESS WILL PAY. SIGNED THE COMMITTEE. P S THE FELLOW WHO COMES TO YOUR CAR WILL BE COLORED. HE WILL SAY   TOLD HIM TO PICK UP A PACKAGE FROM MR. JOHNSON. UNQUOTE. THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF A FULL PAGE CHRISTMAS GREETING. VICTIM IS PUBLISHER OF EBONY, JET, TAN, AND HUE MAGAZINES CATERING TO NEGRO READERS. HE RECENTLY RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN CG AS TO HIS SUCCESS STORY. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO EFFECT COVERAGE OF PAY OFF IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPECIAL POLICE SQUAD PICKED BY COMM. O-CONNOR.

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END AND ACK PLS

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CC MR. ROSEN  
ADVISOR  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Matter of press relea / discussed with  
SA Wick. SAC Hostetter telephonically  
authorized to make joint press release  
with Chicago PD if subject identified  
as extortionist and prosecution authorized.  
Subject no longer wanted as deserter.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

WOH

JOHN H. JOHNSON, Frank

VIKEX. RECCTEL DEC. TWENTY TWO LAST CAPTIONED QUOTE UNKNOWN SUBJECT,

WA. THE COMMITTEE., JOHN H. JOHNSON DASH VICTIM. EXTORTION UNQUOTE.

SUBJECT ARRESTED SEVEN P.M., DEC. TWENTY TWO, LAST, BY BUAGENTS

AND CG POLICE AT TWO ZERO NINE E. FIFTY FIFTH ST., CG, WHEN HE

APPROACHED VICTIM-S CAR AND ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED THE PACKAGE FROM

VICTIM. SUBJECT CLAIMS SENT BY MAN NAMED [ ] TO PICK UP PACKAGE

AND WAS TO BE PAID FIVE DOLLARS WHEN HE MET [ ] AT CORNER OF

VAN BUREN AND STATE STS IN CG LOOP AT TEN P.M. NO ONE MEETING

DESCRIPTION OF [ ] OBSERVED IN THIS AREA AT ALLEGED MEETING TIME.

SUBJECT-S STATEMENTS EXTREMELY VAGUE, CONTRADICTORY, AND HE IS

RELUCTANT TO FURNISH ANY DETAILS OF HIS ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE

CORROBORATED. SUBJECT NEGRO, AGE TWENTY NINE OR THIRTY, FBI NO.

[ ] AND FILES REFLECT WANTED AS DESERTER

NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. SUTEL IF RECORD REFLECTS HE IS WANTED ELSEWHERE.

AUSA FRANK MC GARR, CG, AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION AND SUBJECT WILL BE

ARRAIGNED BEFORE USC THIS DATE.

END AND ACK PLS

WA 4-07AM OK SXXX FBI WA JAH

Called Ident

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DECEMBER 29, 1955

TELETYPE - ~~URGENT~~

*Deferred*

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[REDACTED] JOHN H. JOHNSON - VIKEX. REURLET DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE AND URTEL DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT. NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER

[REDACTED] WROTE HAND PRINTING ON QUESTIONED SPECIMENS. *W/ 2-1 5-1*  
SIGNIFICANT HAND PRINTING CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON NOTED WHICH SUGGEST UNDICTATED UPPER CASE HAND PRINTING SAMPLES OF [REDACTED] WOULD BE HELPFUL. ALL EVIDENCE WILL BE HELD IN LAB FOR THIRTY DAYS PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL KNOWN HAND PRINTING UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE. HAND PRINTING ON QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS NOT IDENTIFIED IN ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE. QUESTIONED SPECIMENS EXAMINED AND ONE LATENT PALM PRINT DEVELOPED ON BACK OF YOUR ITEM FOUR. NO PALM PRINTS OF SUBJECT AVAILABLE OUR FILES. RUC.

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*DBD*  
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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (9-2319)

DATE: December 30, 1955

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] wa.;  
JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

ATTN: FBI LABORATORYb6 213434  
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Reference is made to Chicago letter dated 12/23/55 and Bureau teletype to Chicago dated 12/29/55.

Enclosed herewith are the following items:

1. Three plain white envelopes each identified with the date 12/29/55 and the initials WEP.
2. Two photographic prints of an application for employment with the U. S. Post Office dated November 10, 1955, executed by [REDACTED]

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Concerning item 1, these envelopes were obtained at the Chicago Christian Industrial League, Chicago, Illinois, where the subject stayed on December 15, 1955. These envelopes are made available in the lobby for persons who stay at that League to use. It is requested that these envelopes be compared with the envelope used in the extortion letter dated December 15, 1955, and the envelope addressed to JOHN H. JOHNSON, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, with the postmark of December 14, 1955, Chicago, Illinois. It is desired that the FBI Laboratory make appropriate examination to determine whether the submitted specimens are identical with the envelope which is presently in the possession of the Laboratory.

It is requested that item 2, which is the hand-printing of the subject, be compared with both extortion letters which are presently in the possession of the Laboratory.

It is requested that if possible the Laboratory should make this examination and furnish the results by airtel sometime prior to January 4, 1956. Specimens should be returned.

Enclosures (2) ENCL.  
2 - Bureau (AMSD) (RM)  
1 - Chicago (9-2319)  
WEP:LMA  
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SAC, CHICAGO (9-2319)

[REDACTED] JOHN H. JOHNSON - VIKEX. REURLET DECEMBER THIRTY,

~~SINTEEN FIFTYFIVE~~. DUE TO LIMITED AMOUNT OF COMPARABLE HAND PRINTING ON KNOWN POST OFFICE APPLICATION AND LACK OF SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF STRONG IDENTIFYING HAND PRINTING CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON, NO CONCLUSION REACHED WHETHER [REDACTED] WROTE QUESTIONED SPECIMENS. DESIRABLE TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL UNDICTATED HAND PRINTING OF [REDACTED] WITH MORE LETTERS OF ALPHABET. QUESTIONED ENVELOPE POSTMARKED DECEMBER FOURTEEN NOT IDENTICAL WITH KNOWN ENVELOPES SUBMITTED RELET AS CUT ON DIFFERENT DIES, AND MADE OF PAPER OF DIFFERENT THICKNESS AND WEIGHT. RUC.

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*Specimens will be returned  
separately. Sub  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

RECEIVED  
JAN 11 1956

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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[REDACTED] JOHN H. JOHNSON - VIKER. REURLET DECEMBER THIRTY.

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[REDACTED] WROTE QUESTIONED SPECIMENS. DESIRABLE TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL

UNSCRIPTED HAND PRINTING OF [REDACTED] WITH MORE LETTERS OF ALPHABET.

QUESTIONED ENVELOPE POSTMARKED DECEMBER FOURTEEN NOT IDENTICAL WITH KNOWN ENVELOPES SUBMITTED RELET AS CUT ON DIFFERENT DIES, AND MADE OF PAPER OF DIFFERENT THICKNESS AND WEIGHT. RUC.

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SAC, Chicago (9-2319)

[REDACTED] WAS.; JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM; EXTORTION.

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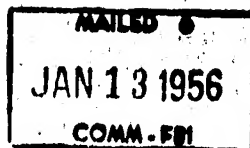
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Reurairtel 1/11/56.

Previously developed latent palm print instant case compared with the submitted palm prints of [REDACTED] with negative results.

Not confirming.

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*Vertical stamp:*  
Tolson  
Boardman  
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*Handwritten:* (4) 550

*Large handwritten:* 9-29282-11



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-13-56 8:00 AM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case:  WAS;  
JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Number: 9-29282-1

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## Specimens:

Compare latents developed previously instant case with the palm prints submitted of  subject. (Note letter states latent palm prints being submitted, inked impressions are submitted). Latents developed on Chicago's item 4.

RETAIN PALM PRINTS.

Examination requested by: SAC, Chicago (9-2319)

Date received: 1-13-56/ho

Date of reference communication: 1-11-56 Airtel

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: b6  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (9-2319)

1/11/56

DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

[redacted] was;  
JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 12/23/55  
and Bureau teletype to Chicago dated 12/29/55.

Enclosed herewith is one set of latent palm  
prints of the subject [redacted]

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In accordance to the referenced Bureau teletype,  
item 4 as set forth in the referenced Chicago letter has  
been examined, and one latent palm print developed.

It is requested that the palm prints of the  
subject be compared to the latent palm print developed  
on the back of Chicago's item 4.

These palm prints need not be returned to the  
Chicago Office, and it is requested that Chicago be advised  
by ~~airtel~~.

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HOBLETTER

Enclosures (2)

③ - Bureau  
1 - Chicago  
WEP:jjg  
(4)

Called Ident

Mr. Tamm

M [redacted]

Mr. Rosen

By [redacted]

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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## Extortion Try Brings Five Years

Richard Bowles, 30, a transient, pleaded guilty Thursday to trying to extort \$15,000 from John H. Johnson, publisher of Jet and Ebony magazines.

Federal Judge John P. Barnes sentenced him to five years in prison.

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**THE JUDGE** recommended that Bowles, of 12 S. Peoria, be examined by prison authorities to see whether he needs treatment for alcoholism.

Bowles' attorney, Alvin A. Turner, had urged that he be sent to a federal center for treatment of alcoholics, rather than to prison.

Police and FBI men nabbed Bowles in a trap Dec. 22 near 209 E. Garfield blvd. after Johnson had received threatening letters.

Bowles was free for a few hours Jan. 10 after U.S. Commissioner C. S. Bentley Pike turned him loose for "want of prosecution."

But he was indicted on the charge the same day and seized again.

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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/20/56</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30/55; 1/3-6, 9/13, 16/56</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <b>JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Victim in receipt of two extortion letters both postmarked "Chicago, Ill." and postdated 12/14/55 and 12/20/55. Coverage given payoff on 12/22/55 at 209 East Garfield, Chicago, Illinois, by Bureau agents and Chicago PD officers. Subject taken into custody after having taken package from victim. On interview, subject claims to have been sent by unknown person named [ ] who hired him on 12/22/55 to pickup package and subsequently meet him later. Coverage given alleged meet with [ ]. No such person located. Several discrepancies in subject's remarks during interview noted. FBI Laboratory examination of extortion letters dictated specimens and undictated specimens inconclusive to date. Facts presented AUSA FRANK J. MC GARR, Chicago, 12/23/55, who authorized filing complaint charging subject with violation Section 876, Title 18, U.S. Code. Complaint filed before USC C.S. BENTLEY PIKE 12/23/55. Bond set at \$3,000. Facts presented FGJ 1/3/56. True Bill returned and indictment obtained 1/9/56 charging subject with violation of Section 876, Title 18, U.S. Code. Subject released by USC

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">9-29282-15</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">15-15</div>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div>① Bureau</div> <div>1-USA, Chicago</div> <div>1-St. Louis</div> <div>2-Chicago (9-2319)</div> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>RECORDED</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>JAN 20 1956</b> </div>

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1/9/56. Subject re-arrested 1/9/56 on Bench Warrant and appeared before USDJ, JOHN T. BARNES, USDC, Northern District of Illinois on 1/12/56 and 1/16/56. Case continued to 1/19/56.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Predication

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call on December 22, 1955, from Police Commissioner, Chicago Police Department, TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR who advised that JOHN H. JOHNSON, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, was in receipt of two extortion letters sent through the U.S. Mails and at that time was in his office available for interview.

Interview of Victim  
and Jurisdiction

On December 22, 1955, about 12 noon, SA [redacted] and SA ROSS T. SPENCER interviewed JOHN H. JOHNSON in Police Commissioner O'CONNOR's office. JOHNSON advised that he is the owner and publisher of the Johnson Publishing Company, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and publishes such periodicals as "Jet", "Hue", "Tan", and "Ebony".

JOHNSON was in possession of two letters he had received through the U.S. Mails. The envelope of the first letter was addressed in general terms to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois".

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the return address of "700 Indiana, Chi, Ill." In the lower left hand corner of the envelope was marked the word "Personal" and contained the postmark of "Chicago 34, Ill. December 14, 1955". The contents of the first letter was in pencil printing and is set forth below:

"Dec. 15, 1955

"Mr Johnson: -

"We have let you operate for ten years. We think it is time for you to join our organization. We have 350 members. The companies who refuse to join don't stay in bussiness long. I'm sure you have read about places being bombed or cars blowing up. We don't want to hurt anyone but we hate to be refused by customers. Our fee is \$15,000 for five year membership. Mr. Johnson need we tell you that we have you under 24 hour watch. So please don't for you benefit and all concerned see any police officers. Now you think this over. You have a nice bussiness. We will get in touch with you. We collect in no larger bills than \$20.00. We'll be seeing you. Better have your fee ready Friday Dec. 17, 1955.

"The Committe\_"

The envelope of the second letter was addressed in pencil printing to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill." In the upper left corner was the return address "700 So. Wabash, Chi, Ill." In the lower left corner was the word "Personal". The envelope bore the postmark "Chicago 34, Ill., December 20, 1955, 12 M". The letter was written on a Christmas card. The card

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was folded in quarters and under the verse printed on the card was the penciled words "Message on inside". By unfolding the card, the following handprinted note appeared:

"Dec. 20, 1955

"This is our second reply. We wanted to give you time to think. Well you have had time. We will be looking for you to make delivery Dec. 22 1955 at 7:00 P.M. You are to leave your bussiness at 6:30 P.M. proceed South on Wabash to Garfield Blvd. East on Garfield to Indiana Park on Garfield between Indiana and Prairie heading East. Two of us will follow you from your bussiness to Garfield to see if you are alone. If you have gotten in touch with anyone we will know it. If you have it is a waste of time for you to show up. You have already signed someones death, either you or close to you. The last one of us will get some who needs a drink of wine or a couple dollars to come to your car to get the package. Then you leave because we will have everything control. But if anything go wrong. Someone can get ready to bury you or someone close to you. Very few people refuse because we do our work well. You think, because this is a small to be happy and alive. We have been in to bussiness for 15 years. If you refuse the next in line for the business will pay.

"The Committee

"P.S. The fellow who come to your car will be colored. He will say   told him to pick up a package from Mr. Johnson"

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JOHNSON stated that his secretary usually receives his mail at his office and then turns it over to him to read. He stated that he had told four persons about receiving these letters, namely, his secretary, [REDACTED], U.S. Congressman DAWSON of Chicago, his attorney, J. NORMAN GODDESS, and his wife EUNICE. JOHNSON stated that the letters had been handled by these persons and abused principally because he did not take the threat in them seriously and considered them as a practical joke; however, upon the advice of his attorney, he went to the Chicago Police Department to report the incidents.

JOHNSON related that he resides at 645 Drexel Square, Chicago, Illinois, on the first floor. He is married and lives with his wife, EUNICE. They have no children. He stated that at the present time his wife's mother is visiting them.

JOHNSON's daily routine is usually as follows:

Each morning he calls the garage and has an attendant bring his car to his home. He drives the car to work each morning sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. He parks his car in an alleyway beside his business at 820 South Michigan and uses the side door of that building for exit and entry. His business day is usually spent on the premises at 820 South Michigan and he normally leaves his business about 6:30 p.m. each day. At this hour, namely 6:30 p.m., JOHNSON stated most of his employees have left and the only person who is on the premises regularly at that time is his stepfather, JAMES WILLIAMS, age 70, who is in charge of cleaning up the building. His stepfather and mother, Mrs. GERTRUDE WILLIAMS, reside at 6018 St. Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois. He related that his stepfather

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stays in the building from approximately 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. On some days, JOHNSON related, when his stepfather is not working, he usually stays until 11:00 p.m. in the building until a night watchman takes over. However, when he usually leaves at 6:30 p.m., JOHNSON stated that he drives to his home and usually makes one stop where he picks up the evening papers. After having dinner, he usually goes out to a newsstand and get the late editions of the evening papers to read. After that, he calls the garage and has his car taken to the garage.

JOHNSON owns a 1956 black Cadillac, four door sedan, 1955 Illinois license Number 911267. There is no license plate on the front of the car. He stated that his car is equipped with a telephone, Chicago telephone number JR 6-2834. JOHNSON states that he stores this car in Bob's Garage, 5631 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

As to his business, JOHNSON stated that he employs approximately 106 persons in the Johnson Publishing Company and knows of no present employee or former employee who might forward to him such extortion letters. He could recall no incidents from a business standpoint that might induce some person to extort him.

JOHNSON believed that the extortioner's attention was attracted to him by a feature article appearing in the Roto Section of the "Chicago Daily News" on December 17, 1955. This article along with colored pictures was entitled, "Chicago Success Story". The article set forth in limited biographical fashion how JOHNSON had risen from an insurance man to a financial success in the publishing field.

It should be noted that the first extortion letter was dated December 15, 1955, two days prior to the appearance of the article. According to JOHNSON, the above article was advertised in the "Daily News" and

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over radio stations a week prior to its publication in the Saturday Edition of the "Daily News". It was JOHNSON's opinion that the publicity he received from this article attracted the extortioner's attention.

The only other personal incident in his life, according to JOHNSON, which might have caused a person to extort him, concerned an attendant at Bob's Garage. He recalled that during the past year his wife had called an attendant at the garage to take the car from his home to the garage. It is believed that the attendant found some personal checks belonging to EUNICE JOHNSON in the car and took them and attempted to cash them through a third party at a currency exchange. JOHNSON stated he placed a stop on these checks and subsequently recovered them. He stated that no action was taken against the attendant and it is not known for sure whether the attendant knew that JOHNSON suspected him. JOHNSON identified this attendant as JOHNNY TAYLOR, 45 years of age, Negro, 5'5" tall, 150 pounds, presently employed at the Maggdoek Company, 43rd and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois.

The following description of the victim, JOHNSON, was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	JOHN H. JOHNSON
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	37 years
Weight	206 lbs.
Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married to EUNICE WALKER JOHNSON
Dress	Usually business suits, dark blue overcoat, black shoes, grey hat

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Occupation	Publisher - Johnson Publishing Company, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois
Business Phones	CA 5-1000 (unlisted) CA 5-1024 (unlisted)
Residence	845 Drexel Square 1st floor apartment Chicago, Illinois
Home Phones	Hyde Park 3-7802 (unlisted) Hyde Park 3-1919 (unlisted)
Relatives	Mother - GERTRUDE WILLIAMS 6018 St. Lawrence Chicago, Illinois Stepfather - JAMES WILLIAMS 6018 St. Lawrence Chicago, Illinois

Preparation and Plans  
to Cover Payoff

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At the completion of the above interview, JOHNSON agreed that he would cooperate with the FBI and do anything to facilitate the apprehension of the extortioner.

Police Commissioner O'CONNOR appointed Lt. [redacted] and the men of his detail to work with the FBI in covering the instant payoff. It was agreed that a meeting between the victim, SAs [redacted] and SPENCER and Lt. [redacted] would be held at [redacted] at 2:00 p.m. on December 22, 1955, to formulate a plan for covering the payoff.

Prior to the 2:00 p.m. meeting, SA GEORGE F. GILLEM prepared the payoff package and together with SA [redacted] surveilled the area where the payoff was to take place. It was ascertained that this area is a business district consisting of one and two story buildings.

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The traffic on Garfield Boulevard is heavy and it is double laned with a midway in-between lane. The South portion of the Boulevard is used for East Bound traffic and the North portion for West Bound traffic.

It was ascertained that the buildings at 209 and 205 East Garfield were empty and located in the block designated in the two extortion letters by the extortioner as the place of payoff. It was ascertained by SAs GILLEM and [ ] that these buildings could be made available to the FBI in covering instant payoff. b6 b7C

At 2:00 p.m. on December 22, 1955, SAs [ ] and SPENCER met with Lt. [ ] and the victim at the [ ]. The following plan b6 for covering the payoff was formulated to jibe with the b7C instructions in the two extortion letters. b7D

The victim was to leave his place of business as usual at 6:30 p.m., drive South on Michigan Avenue to 20th Street, turn West on 20th Street to Wabash Avenue, and then turn South on Wabash to Garfield Boulevard. At Garfield Boulevard, the victim was to turn East and park on the South side in the prescribed block, turn out his lights and sit in his car. It was believed that the victim should arrive at the payoff scene at approximately 6:50 p.m., and it was agreed that he should sit there until approximately 8:00 p.m. sharp and if nothing happened, drive to his home. If and when the extortioner appeared at the car, JOHNSON was to give the extortion package to him and immediately turn on his headlights as if pulling away in his car.

JOHNSON was furnished the payoff package and was equipped with portable radio equipment to be worn by him on his person. He was given instructions on how to use the equipment and instructed to announce his leaving at 6:30 p.m., his location as he proceeded to the payoff scene and to report any suspicious cars or persons that he might observe on his way.

To preclude any possibility that JOHNSON might be intercepted by the extortioner on his way to the payoff scene, SA [ ] and Officers [ ] and [ ] occupied a Yellow Cab equipped with portable radio equipment which placed them in communication with the victim and other agents and officers at the payoff scene.

Also occupying another Yellow Cab with similar radio equipment was SA ROBERT J. DENEEN and Officers [ ] and [ ]. These cabs were assigned to accompany in close proximity the victim on his trip from his office to the payoff scene. In addition, SA FRANCIS W. MATTHYS and Officer [ ] occupied a car assigned to accompany the victim from his office to the payoff scene by driving a parallel street one block to the East of the route. SA [ ] and Officer [ ] were assigned to accompany the victim on his route to the payoff scene by travelling a parallel route one block West. Upon arrival at the payoff scene, the victim was to park between the addresses 205 and 209 East Garfield Boulevard. SA [ ] was assigned to obtain a parking place and save this parking place to insure that the victim was in the most advantageous position. As the victim approached the payoff scene, he was to announce over the radio his location and SA [ ] would pull out in front of the victim to insure his obtaining a parking place.

On arrival at the payoff scene both Yellow Cabs and the two accompanying cars accompanied by a third car occupied by SA [ ] and Officer [ ], a fourth car occupied by SA WILLIAM J. WATRY and Officer [ ] and a fifth car occupied by SA RAYMOND J. DRISCOLL and Officer [ ] and a police truck occupied by SA [ ] and Officers [ ] and [ ] were assigned advantageous points in the vicinity of the payoff scene where they could effect a blockade in the event that the extortioner approach the payoff by automobile and attempted to make his subsequent getaway by automobile.

Located inside the building at 205 East Garfield Boulevard, about 30 feet from the payoff scene were SA [ ] and [ ] and Officer [ ] and Officer [ ].

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Inside the building at 209 East Garfield, about 20 feet from the payoff scene were SAs ROSS T. SPENCER, DENNIS W. SHANAHAN, GEORGE F. GILLEM and Lt. [redacted] an Officer [redacted]. Both of these places contained portable radio equipment which placed them in communication with the victim and other motor vehicle equipment.

Upon the completion of these plans, the victim was sent to his office to wait for the time of the payoff. At about 5:00 p.m., December 22, 1955, the above mentioned officers were briefed as to their assignments at the Chicago FBI Office and thereafter proceeded to the payoff scene.

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In accordance with the above plan, the victim left his office at 6:30 p.m. on December 22, 1955. He proceeded without incident to the payoff scene and parked his car at the payoff spot at approximately 6:53 p.m. At approximately 7:03 p.m., an unknown individual approached the victim's car from the East. The victim was observed to give this person the package, and this individual turned and commenced to walk West on Garfield Boulevard. Subject was immediately taken into custody by SA SPENCER and Lt. [redacted]. Officer [redacted] took the package from the subject. Subject was then taken into the store at 209 Garfield and interviewed by SAs SPENCER and SHANAHAN.

Subject identified himself as [redacted]. He stated that he had no home and had been staying at a mission on Madison Street in Chicago. He claimed he was a stranger to Chicago. He stated that he had no one with him and claimed that a person by the name of [redacted] had sent him to get the package. He did not know who [redacted] was, and stated he had only met him earlier that day at Harrison and State Streets. He claimed that once he obtained the package, he was to meet [redacted] at 10:00 p.m. later on that night at Van Buren and State Streets. He could only describe

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[ ] as male, white, age 40, Italian, 5'7" tall, dapper in appearance.

He claimed that he did not know the victim and had never seen him before and did not know his name. He stated that he had received instructions from [ ] at 7:00 p.m. to go to the block on Garfield Boulevard between Indiana and Prairie and there he would see a black limousine. He was to go up to the car and say [ ] sent me to pickup a package". Subject stated that he had no address and had stayed at the mission at Peoria and Madison on the night of December 21, 1955.

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On the way to the FBI office, subject was taken by SA SPENCER and Lt. [ ] to the Chicago Industrial League at 9 South Peoria Street: there [ ] made available a registration book. [ ] pointed out the name he had stayed under to SA SPENCER and Lt. [ ]. The name on the register for December 21, 1955, was [ ].

#### Interview of Victim After Payoff

SAs DENEEN and [ ] accompanied the victim to his home after the payoff where he was interviewed.

Victim stated that the subject approached his car and asked "Are you [ ]". Victim answered "yes", and then the subject said "Have you a package for [ ]". The victim stated "yes" and then handed the package to the subject. [ ] stated that he did not know the subject but his face looked familiar, but he could not place where he had ever seen the subject or if he, in reality, had ever seen the subject before.

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#### Coverage of Alleged Meet Between Subject and [ ] (LNU)

On December 22, 1955, SAs [ ] and WATNY along with Officer [ ] conducted a surveillance at the intersection of [ ] and Van Buren Streets in an attempt to locate the

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individual known as [ ]

It will be noted as mentioned above that [ ] was the individual to whom the subject was to meet after the payoff at 10:00 p.m. at the intersection of Van Buren and State.

The above surveillance was conducted from 9:40 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. No one fitting the description of [ ] was located.

The following individuals were interviewed at State and Van Buren between 9:40 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on December 22, 1955, who appeared to answer the general description as furnished by the subject:

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The above persons were interviewed and all justified their presence at the intersection.

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Interview of Subject  
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Subject was interviewed at the FBI Office on December 22, 1955, by SAs [ ] and [ ]. He initially stated that he was not a native of Chicago and said that he had been in Chicago for only a short time and was not well acquainted with the city. When confronted with the information contained in the files of the Chicago Division wherein he had been previously investigated as a deserter from the U.S. Army, subject admitted that he was born and raised in Chicago and had resided there all his life except for the period he was in the service. He maintained, however, that he had never lived and was not known in the neighborhood of his arrest on Garfield Boulevard but did admit that he had lived at various addresses on the South side of Chicago and was well acquainted with the neighborhood where the payoff was made. He said he would not have gotten involved in the instant case if he had not been broke and hungry. He indicated he had worked last at Robbins Restaurant, Adams and Wacker Drive, Chicago. He stated he terminated his employment there about three weeks previously because his employer refused to pay him more than \$40 per week.

When asked whether or not he had any relatives or friends in Chicago, [ ] indicated he did not have any. He stated he had no one to turn to when he found himself without funds and no place to stay following the termination of the above employment. He advised that he has spent the last couple of weeks sleeping and eating at various charitable missions on the South side of Chicago and indicated that the Pacific Garden Mission on State Street was one such place. He stated he had slept at the mission at Peoria and Madison Streets on December 21, 1955, and had breakfast there on December 22, 1955.

Subject indicated that he was walking on State Street near Harrison after breakfast when he was approached

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by a white man who asked him if he would like a job. Although he had never seen this man before, he told him that he would like a job and inquired as to its nature. Subject stated that the unknown man then told him that he would have a job for the subject that evening which would pay \$5.00 and inquired if the subject would like to attend a movie in the meantime. He told this person that he would like to go to a movie, and this man handed him 45 cents and instructed the subject that he would meet him on the corner of State and Harrison Streets about 6:00 p.m. that same evening, at which time he would tell the subject the nature of the job.

The subject then went to a triple feature movie, name and details which he could not recall, at about 10:30 a.m. and remained there until approximately 5:45 p.m. He stated that he used thirty cents of the money which had been given him for the admission to the movie and the other fifteen cents was spent on candy. The subject stated he went directly to the corner of State and Harrison after he left the movie and in a few minutes the above mentioned man who had offered him the job showed up. Subject advised that the man told him that he wanted the subject to pick up a package on Garfield Boulevard between Indiana and Prairie Streets and inquired as to whether the subject knew where that was. [ ] stated that the man gave him forty cents for carfare and instructed him that at about 7:00 p.m. there would be a black seven-passenger limousine parked on Garfield Boulevard near Indiana and headed toward Prairie. [ ] stated that he was told to approach the car and tell the driver that [ ] had sent him for a package and once having obtained the package, return to the corner of Van Buren and State Streets where he would meet the subject at 10:00 p.m. and give him the \$5.00 for the package. b6 b7c

[ ] stated that he then went to a restaurant two blocks South of State Street where he purchased a bowl of beans with twenty cents of the forty cents carfare. He advised that after eating the beans he walked to Michigan Avenue where he caught an Indiana Avenue bus which proceeded South to 22nd Street, West to Indiana and South to Garfield.

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Subject advised that he got off the bus at Garfield and Indiana at about 6:45 p.m. He said he went to a bar on the South side of Garfield where he used the rest room and upon leaving, walked West on Garfield, crossed Indiana and stood near a fire which was burning in a barrel near the corner. He stated in a few minutes, he saw a limousine pull up and park on the corner of Garfield and Prairie. He walked up to it and asked the driver if he was Mr. JOHNSON. Upon being answered in the affirmative, he stated he thinks he told the driver that [ ] had sent him for the package. [ ] advised that he could not be sure but he may have asked the driver if he had a package for [ ] stated that he received the package and started to walk away when he was apprehended.

As to his activities, [ ] stated that he had served nine years in the U.S. Army receiving a general discharge - honorable on November 23, 1954. He stated he was discharged for being an alcoholic and is not eligible to re-enlist. From November, 1954 to the present he stated that he has held no job with the exception of his employment at [ ]

[ ] He claimed that he has lived by receiving unemployment compensation benefits and from the period November, 1954 to March, 1955, he resided at [ ]

After that, he stayed with a [ ] (LNU) who lived near [ ] believed to be [ ]

from March, 1955 to May, 1955. From May, 1955 to August, 1955, he stayed in Grant Park and a park near the lake front at [ ]

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in railroad stations and various charitable missions around Chicago. He stated that included among these missions was the mission at Peoria and Madison Streets, the mission at 26th and Union Streets and the Pacific Garden Mission and recalled spending one night in the hotel lobby of the Skid Row Hotel located in the vicinity of 9th and State Streets. He recalled that several nights were spent at the mission at Peoria and Madison Streets just prior to his arrest.

Subject denied that he had any friends and did not know where any of his relatives lived. He listed the following persons as relatives and gave their approximate address as he could recall:

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[redacted] (LNU)  
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At this point in the interview, [redacted] was asked to reiterate in detail his alleged meeting with the individual [redacted]

He stated that on December 22, 1955, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of State and Harrison Streets, an individual unknown to him stopped him and asked him if he desired a job. He described this individual as white, male, 6'2", 200 lbs., wearing a blue overcoat. [redacted] stated he asked this individual "What doing?" The stranger said the job would be that night and that he would be given \$5.00 for doing it. The stranger then gave him 45 cents to go to a show. He then went to a nearby show and came out just prior to 6:00 p.m. and went to the corner of Harrison and State Streets. There, the same person showed up. This individual told [redacted] that he wanted him to pick up a package at Garfield Boulevard between Indiana and Prairie. The stranger asked [redacted] if he knew where the address was. [redacted] indicated that he did. The stranger then gave him forty cents carfare. The stranger then told [redacted] that he was to go to the above mentioned address. There would be a black limousine headed East on Garfield Boulevard. [redacted] asked what kind and the stranger said it would be a seven-passenger limousine. He stated that there would be none like it in the neighborhood. The stranger then told [redacted] to tell the guy in the car that [redacted] sent me for the package". [redacted] was to obtain the package and meet the stranger at Van Buren and State Streets.

[redacted] then indicated that he walked to a nearby restaurant and had some beans. He then walked to Michigan and caught an Indiana Avenue bus and got off at Garfield and Indiana. He walked East on Garfield on the South side of the street to a bar in the block between Indiana and Prairie to use the rest room. He came out of the bar and walked West crossing over Indiana and stood by a fire.



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where a Christmas tree salesman was selling trees. A few minutes later he observed a limousine drive up and park in the block between Indiana and Prairie on Garfield. [ ] stated that he then walked up to the car and asked the occupant if he was Mr. JOHNSON. JOHNSON stated "yes". Then [ ] told him [ ] sent me for the package" or "Did he have a package for [ ]

During the course of this interview, certain questions were asked the subject to which he gave vague and sometimes false answers.

In particular, [ ] was asked since he had no money and had spent forty cents given to him by the alleged [ ] how he intended to make the 10:00 p.m. meet with [ ] [ ] stated that he was intending to try to slip aboard a bus or to use a Southbound transfer which was found on his person at the time of arrest to make the trip back North to meet [ ]

He was asked whether he intended to open the package or not to which he replied "yes" but could give no explanation as to why he intended to do so. He was asked if he knew the identity of the victim, and he stated "no." He was asked this on numerous occasions and he always replied no.

He was asked whether he knew the victim's name on several occasions and he said "no." He was asked in particular if the alleged [ ] had told him the victim's name and he said "no."

In view of the above questions he was asked to explain why when he approached the victim's car he addressed the victim as Mr. JOHNSON. [ ] had no explanation for this.

[ ] was asked if he had ever used an alias prior to registering a [ ] at Peoria and Madison.

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Streets. He stated that a few night prior to that he had used the alias [ ] at the mission. It was pointed out to [ ] that the name JOHNSON he had used was identical with that of the victim. He stated that he just picked the alias and could give no reason for using the alias.

It should be noted at this point that a check of the records at the Chicago Christian Industrial League indicated that [ ] stayed at that mission on the night of December 21, December 18 and December 15, 1955, under the name of [ ]. Records indicate that on December 14 and December 13, 1955, an [ ] was registered at that mission.

[ ] was asked to again describe [ ] who he is alleged to have met on December 22, 1955. [ ] gave no description at this time and stated that he was an ordinary looking man. It was pointed out to [ ] that he had given two separate descriptions on two different occasions of the individual [ ] and was asked to explain why he had given two separate descriptions. [ ] did not answer.

It was pointed out to [ ] that the individual described in the two extortion letters who was to pick up the package fitted [ ] description as being colored, wanting a drink of wine, etc. [ ] was asked how it was possible if [ ] wrote the extortion letter on December 20, 1955, how it was possible for him to describe the person who would pick up the package since the alleged [ ] had not contacted [ ] until December 22, 1955 and the second extortion letter was written on December 20, 1955. [ ] could not explain this and gave no answer.

The following is an inventory of items found on [ ] person at the time of his arrest:

1. 71 snapshots of [ ] and scenes while serving in the U.S. Army.
2. 1 copy of "The Gospel of St. John The Apostle"

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3. \* 1 copy of "Jet" magazine dated July 7, 1955.
4. \* 1 copy of "Jet" magazine dated April 21, 1955.
5. 1 3 x 5 card with the following addresses written on it:

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6. 1 receipt of application for employment for Chicago Post Office, [REDACTED] (no date, merely memo as to instructions to applicant.)
7. 1 State of Illinois, Department of Labor, Div. of Unemployment Compensation (4733 South Parkway - Chicago, Ill.) card. issued to [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Birth date [REDACTED] (last payment October 11, 1955 - first payment March 9, 1955)
8. 1 copy State of Illinois, Department of Labor, Div. of Unemployment Compensation (6230 Cottage Grove) issued to [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] Birth [REDACTED] (last payment November 10, 1955).
- 9.\* 1 CTA transfer #663327 dated December 22.
10. 1 black pocketbook - no contents.
11. 1 ticket to National Theater, 505 South State, price 30 cents, #065412.

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12. 1 black comb
13. 1 slip of paper, notation "1327 W. Washington Relief."
14. 1 slip paper notation "Veterans Administration 2030 W. Taylor."
15. 1 book pocket edition entitled "Next Time Is For Life" by ERLE STANLEY GARDNER.
16. 1 personal letter from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
17. 1 obscene picture (nude woman) b6 b7C
18. 1 set of wire snips
- 19.\* 1 red address book
20. 1 photo of [REDACTED]

Those items asterisked above have been retained for possible evidentiary purposes, and the remainder were turned over to Deputy U.S. Marshal EDWARD SULLIVAN to be returned to [redacted]

### Description

The following description was obtained from  
by observation and interrogation:

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Weight  
Complexion  
Eyes  
Build  
Face  
Scars and Marks

140 lbs.

Medium

Brown

Thin

Thin - wears mustache

Bullet wound scar left forearm;

3/4" scar left eyebrow; scar

scar on face near right side

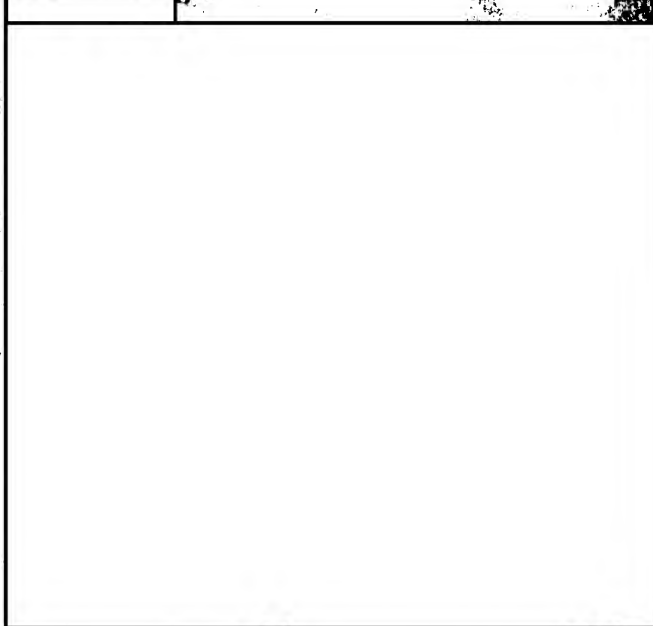
of lower lip; bullet wound on

left thigh

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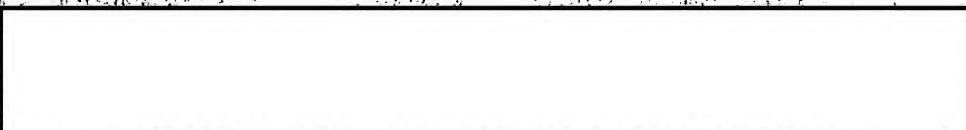
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FBI Number  
Relatives



Criminal Record

<u>Contributor of</u> <u>Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Arrested or</u> <u>Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
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Nine pages of handprinting and five envelopes of handprinting were obtained from subject during interview and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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Investigation of  
Subject's Background

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[redacted] Chicago Christian Industrial League, 9 South Peoria, advised on January 3, 1956 that he had been present when the subject had been brought to that mission by SA [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted] on the evening of December 22, 1955. He stated that he recognized this individual who had stayed at the mission previously. From his records, he stated that a [redacted] had stayed at that mission on the night of December 21, 1955, and had stayed there on December 15 and 18, 1955. He stated that a [redacted] had stayed at that mission on December 13 and 14, 1955. The registration book, according to [redacted] was not in the handwriting of the person who was given lodging but in the handwriting of the clerk on duty at the mission.

[redacted] stated that he did not know of any information regarding the subject's background but pointed out that it was possible for the subject to have written letters in the lobby of that mission since there is a table for that purpose in the lobby. He stated that stationery is furnished to the guests that stay there and made available some envelopes that are used at that mission. These envelopes were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the instant extortion letters. He also pointed out that one week prior to Christmas, the week during which the subject stayed at that mission, there were Christmas cards available and that it is possible that the subject may have used one of those cards to write the extortion letter. He stated, however, that he had none of those cards available now and could not recognize the extortion letter written on a Christmas card as one of those furnished by the mission.

[redacted] Christian Shelter, 720 West 26th Street, advised SA [redacted] on January 4, 1956, that a [redacted] had stayed at that mission on December 12, 1955. He stated that to his knowledge

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this was the only time that [redacted] had stayed at that mission and that he knew nothing of his background and that mission did not provide stationery to the persons who stayed there. He stated that he had received [redacted] upon a recommendation from [redacted] West Side Rescue Mission.

On January 5, 1956, [redacted] West Side Rescue Mission, Monroe and Green Streets, advised that [redacted] had come to that mission on December 12, 1955 and sought a place to sleep. He stated that he referred [redacted] to the Christian Shelter at 720 West 26th Street. He could furnish no further information regarding [redacted]

It will be noted that the subject stated during the course of his interview that he had in the recent past resided in the vicinity of 330 North California, Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] (LNU). The following persons were contacted in that neighborhood and displayed a photograph of the subject and could furnish no information concerning him or his friend [redacted]. They were:

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[redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

In regard to the particular address 330 North California, it is noted that there is no residences at this address and that address is occupied by the Hoyne Company.

It is noted that during the interview with the subject he advised that he had stayed in a hotel lobby one night in the vicinity of 9th and State Street, Chicago.

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[redacted] ,  
In view of this, [redacted]  
[redacted] New Ritz Hotel, 1007 South State Street, was  
contacted on January 6, 1956 and displayed a photograph  
of the subject. [redacted] stated that he recalled that  
during the middle of December he had permitted the  
subject to sleep in the hotel lobby for one night.  
He stated that he had never seen the subject before  
and knew no information concerning him.

It is noted that during the subject's interview  
that he claimed to stay at the Pacific Garden Mission,  
646 South State Street. In view of this, [redacted]  
[redacted] Pacific Garden Mission, was contacted by SA [redacted]  
on December 23, 1955, and advised that he was not  
acquainted with the subject after viewing his photograph. b6  
[redacted] searched the records of that mission and failed b7C  
to find the subject's name [redacted] or the alias  
[redacted] in the records of that mission for  
November and December, 1955. In addition to [redacted]  
Reverend [redacted] Pacific Garden Mission, was contacted  
and displayed a photograph of the subject. Reverend  
[redacted] stated that the subject looked familiar but he  
could furnish no information concerning him.

As to the subject's former residence at [redacted]  
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contacted by SA [redacted] on December 30, 1955 and she  
advised that she was acquainted with the subject as  
[redacted] She stated that she had met him at the  
Red Lounge on 31st and Prairie. To her knowledge, he had  
never lived at [redacted] but had used it as  
a mailing address. She stated that he received his  
unemployment compensation checks through this address.  
She stated she had never known [redacted] to work, and did  
not know where he resided but knew him as a "bar fly"  
at the Red Lounge.

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It is to be noted that one of the extortion  
letters contained the return address on the envelope  
as 700 South Indiana. It is to be noted that there is  
no such address in Chicago.

It will be noted that on the envelope of one of

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the extortion letters was the return address of 700 South Wabash. In view of this, [redacted] William's Restaurant, 700 South Wabash, was contacted by SA [redacted] on January 12, 1956. [redacted] examined the records of his concern and advised that there was no indication that subject had ever worked at that address although upon reviewing his picture he claimed that the subject looked familiar to him and it was possible that he had hired him as a dishwasher for a period of one day in return for meals.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on January 12, 1956 that the [redacted] family had resided at that address in the basement apartment some years ago. She stated that she is acquainted with the subject's father [redacted] and his step-mother [redacted]. She stated that she knew three of the children, [redacted]. She stated that she only knows the subject on sight since he had enlisted in the Army and served in the Army during the time that his family lived there. She stated that she does not know any of his current activities or knows any of his present associates.

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It is to be noted that the subject's sister, [redacted] is listed in records as residing at [redacted]. Inquiry was made at this address and [redacted] advised that [redacted] had formerly resided at that address until July, 1955, at which time she moved and her present whereabouts are unknown. [redacted] stated that she does not know the subject personally and has never seen him visit his sister. She described [redacted] sister as being an alcoholic and completely unreliable.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on January 11, 1956, that the subject, [redacted] had received counsel and benefits under state statute as a veteran. He stated that he has no handprinting specimens of [redacted] handprinting in the files and indicated that [redacted] first came to

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that office in November, 1954, and was last in that office in March, 1955. During this period, he stated [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] both [redacted]

[redacted] Bob's Garage, 5631 South State, where the victim stores his car, advised SA [redacted] on January 9, 1956, that she is not acquainted with the subject and upon viewing the subject's photograph stated that she had never seen the subject around that garage.

On December 30, 1955, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had made application for Christmas employment at that post office during November, 1955. At that time, [redacted] indicated that he resided at [redacted] Inasmuch as the application of [redacted] employment at the post office was in handprinting this material was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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On January 3, 1956, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] had formerly resided at [redacted] during 1943. Examination of records in the possession of T-1 indicated that there was no handprinting specimens of [redacted] handprinting.

On January 4, 1956, [redacted] State of Illinois Department of Labor, Division of Unemployment, 4733 South Parkway, was contacted by SA [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] had applied to that organization for unemployment compensation. He stated that he did not believe that there was any handprinting specimens of [redacted] handprinting but advised that these records were completely confidential and that he could not furnish any information contained therein.

[redacted]  
Illinois Department of Labor, Division of Unemployment,



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[redacted]  
6230 Cottage Grove, advised on January 5, 1956 that [redacted] had registered at that office for unemployment compensation but to his knowledge there were no specimens of [redacted] handprinting in the records but could not make these records available in view of policy as they were completely confidential.

On January 6, 1956, [redacted]  
[redacted] United States Cold Storage Company, 2855 West Pershing, advised that [redacted] was employed with that concern from June 4, 1952 until March 30, 1953. During that time, [redacted] resided at [redacted] A review of the records failed to reflect that there were any specimens of [redacted] handprinting in the files.

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T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] had formerly served in the United States Army from January 23, 1943 to November 24, 1954. T-2 made available specimens of the subject's handprinting and these specimens had been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the handprinting in the extortion letters in this matter.

On January 13, 1956, [redacted]  
Veterans Administration, 2030 West Taylor Street, advised SA [redacted] that the records of the Veterans Administration contain no specimens of the subject's handprinting. [redacted] advised that his search of the records included the records of the GI Insurance records which are maintained in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It is to be noted that [redacted] was the subject of a Selective Service investigation in June, 1943 in that he failed to report to Local Board 83 on May 28, 1943.

By letter dated October 27, 1943, United States Attorney J. ALBERT WALL advised the FBI that [redacted] had reported to his local board and had been delinquent

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[redacted]  
because he had moved to a new address and thus had complied with the Selective Service law satisfactorily.

It should be noted that during 1952 and 1953 [redacted] ASN [redacted] wa. [redacted] was the subject of a deserter investigation by the Chicago Office. [redacted] deserted from Fort Custer, Michigan, on August 2, 1951. He surrendered himself on March 23, 1953 to the military authorities in Chicago, Illinois.

Results of Laboratory Examination

By letter dated December 23, 1955, instant extortion letters were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory along with nine pages of handprinting specimens obtained from the subject and five envelopes with handprinting specimens furnished by the subject. By teletype dated December 29, 1955, the Laboratory advised that no conclusion had been reached as to whether [redacted] wrote the handprinting on the extortion letters. However, they noted significant handprinting characteristics in both the extortion letters and the specimens submitted. There was no identification on the extortion letters made in the anonymous letter file. There was developed on the extortion letter dated December 20, 1955 a latent palm print.

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By letter dated December 30, 1955, there was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory three plain white envelopes which were obtained at the Chicago Christian Industrial League, Chicago, Illinois, where the subject had stayed just prior to the instant extortion. In addition to the envelopes photographic prints for the application for employment at the United States Post Office, Chicago, Illinois, containing samples of the subject's handprinting, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

By teletype dated January 3, 1956, the Laboratory advised that due to limited amount of comparable handprinting on the post office application and a lack of

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strong identifying handprinting characteristics no conclusion could be reached as to whether [redacted] wrote the extortion letters. The envelopes submitted to the FBI Laboratory under the date of December 30, 1955, were found not to be identical with the envelope used in the first extortion letter. Inasmuch as they were cut on different type and make of paper and different thickness and weight.

By letter dated December 30, 1955, the St. Louis Division was requested to review the subject's military record and obtain permanent handprinting specimens to be furnished to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the extortion letters.

By airtel dated January 9, 1956, the subject's palm prints were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory to be compared with the latent palm print appearing on the extortion letter dated December 20, 1955. By airtel dated December 13, 1955, handprinting specimens of the subject appearing in the records of T-2 were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory to be compared with the extortion letter.

Information Regarding Subject's Associates

The following investigation was conducted by SAs ROBERT J. DENEEN and DENNIS W. SHANAHAN on December 23, 1955:

[redacted] Orleans Hotel, 3855 South Cottage Grove, Chicago, advised that [redacted] had resided at this hotel on an intermittent basis for the past several months. She stated that [redacted] had formerly resided with [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that after [redacted] had been arrested [redacted] resided with [redacted] starting on September 28, 1955. She advised that [redacted] and [redacted] had quarrelled in October of this year at which time [redacted] took a room by himself in Room [redacted] where he resided from October 15 to 22, 1955. On October 22, 1955, [redacted] left the Orleans Hotel.



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[redacted]  
On November 2, 1955, [redacted] returned to the Orleans Hotel where he roomed in Room [redacted] with [redacted]. [redacted] advised that sometime during the early part of December, 1955, [redacted] had a second quarrel with [redacted] and left the hotel. She advised that [redacted] had remained in Room [redacted] until December 15, 1955, at which time he was forced to move for non-payment of rent. She stated she did not know [redacted] present whereabouts and had not seen [redacted] for approximately three weeks. She felt quite sure that [redacted] had not stayed in the Orleans Hotel with any of the residents there during the past three weeks.

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[redacted] furnished a slip of paper bearing the following names which reportedly were relatives of [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] to her knowledge, had never been employed during his residence at this hotel but she believed that he received either unemployment compensation or some type of monthly check from the United States Government. She added that [redacted] was an inveterate "wino" and to the best of her knowledge had never been seen sober while living in this hotel.

[redacted] stated that she had no specific information to back up her belief but that from [redacted] general actions with [redacted] and [redacted] she believed that all

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three of these individuals were in all probability homosexuals. She added that with the exception of one week, from October 15 to 22, 1955, during which time [ ] roomed alone, he had never paid the rent for the rooms in which he lived, which rent was always paid by either [ ] or [ ]

[ ] stated that other than [ ] and [ ] had no close friends or associates living here at the hotel. She said he had been acquainted with one [ ] living on the fourth floor of the hotel, but she felt that this relationship was instigated by [ ] in her effort to get [ ] to buy wine for her. [ ] stated that [ ] is presently residing in Room [ ] and probably knows [ ] and [ ] but had not yet come to this hotel when [ ] left and thus probably did not know the subject.

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[ ] Room [ ] Orleans Hotel, advised that he did not know [ ] but stated that the subject's photograph looked familiar as being that of someone he has seen around this hotel in months past. He advised that he formerly visited a girl in this hotel and might have seen the subject during one of these visits. [ ] stated that [ ] had moved from the hotel on December 15, 1955, and added that he does not know where [ ] is now residing.

[ ] Room [ ] Orleans Hotel, advised that she had known [ ] as a resident here for several months but had never been better acquainted with him than to say hello in passing. She stated that she had seen [ ] at the corner liquor store on the night of December 21, 1955, at which time [ ] had suggested that she start "hustling" for him. She stated that she had refused this request. [ ] advised that [ ] request had surprised her since to her knowledge he had never shown any interest in women prior to that time. She was unable to furnish the names of anyone other than [ ] who would have been closely associated with the subject but added that

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[redacted] had often played up to [redacted] in order to share in his wine.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was employed as a porter some place on the North side of Chicago and worked a night shift. She added that [redacted] was a "wino." According to [redacted] was a veteran of some branch of the armed services and originally came from Alabama. She said that [redacted] reportedly had a wife and two children in Alabama and that this wife, name unknown, was presently attending a university in Alabama where she had recently been elected the Campus Queen.

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[redacted] Room [redacted] Orleans Hotel, advised that she has not seen the subject since about the second week in September, 1955, and has no knowledge of his activities or whereabouts since that time. She stated that she had never been closely associated with the subject but had occasionally joined him in a sociable drink. According to [redacted] had been employed in a restaurant in the Loop area prior to his leaving the Orleans Hotel. She added that [redacted] was employed in a restaurant on Chicago's North side and had been seen by her on about December 19 or 20, 1955, walking north on Ellis just past 39th Street. She stated that she did not know where [redacted] was residing at the present time, nor did she know anyone who might know his present whereabouts.

Inquiry was made at the various taverns and billiard halls in the vicinity of the Orleans Hotel concerning both the subject and [redacted]. None of the individuals contacted knew of any information concerning [redacted] or [redacted] but stated that they know very few of the habitués by name.

A photograph of the subject was recognized at the Drexel Package Liquor Store, 3875 South Cottage Grove but no information concerning his activities during the past month was known at that location.

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[redacted]  
On December 23, 1955, investigation was conducted by SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN at Robbins Restaurant, 335 West Adams. [redacted] recognized a photograph of the subject as being identical with a former employee who worked here under the name of [redacted]

[redacted] produced a record reflecting that [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted]

[redacted] had been employed as a porter from November 7, 1955, to November 10, 1955. [redacted] advised that the subject had not been acquainted with any of the other employees and had secured his job by coming in off the street and asking if a position were available.

[redacted] stated that he did not know the subject's present whereabouts or his activities since November 10, 1955.

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[redacted] an employee of Robbins Restaurant, advised that he had known the subject during the three days of his employment here but had never known his residence or activities after work. He stated that he has not seen the subject since November 10, 1955.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs DENNIS W. SHANAHAN and [redacted] on December 28 and 29, 1955:

The records of the Second District, Chicago Police Department, reflected that [redacted] had

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[redacted]  
It will be noted that there is no number such as 5970 North Clark Street but that the Town and Country Restaurant is located at 5970 North Ridge, a diagonal street branching off Clark Street at 5950 North.

[redacted] Town and Country Restaurant, advised that [redacted] had been employed

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as a night porter with this restaurant for the past several months but had left his employment on December 20, 1955. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been in jail from December 16 to 19, 1955, during which time [redacted]

[redacted] had made attempts to furnish bail for [redacted] advised that he had had no knowledge as to [redacted] present whereabouts and knew nothing whatsoever concerning the subject [redacted]

[redacted] Town and Country Restaurant, advised that [redacted] had worked for him for several months as a night porter and that when he learned of [redacted] arrest he had sent another employee, [redacted] to the Second District in an effort to make bail for [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] had informed him that he had not made bail for [redacted] because a brother of [redacted] name unknown, had appeared at the Police Station and had indicated to [redacted] that it might be best for [redacted] to stay in jail for two or three days in order to straighten him out. According to the brother, [redacted] was residing in a hotel frequented by dope addicts and drunkards and added that it was the family's desire that [redacted] should return to his home in Alabama.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was no longer employed by the Town and Country Restaurant but could be reached at his residence. [redacted] He added that he believed [redacted] had a part time job with Sears and Roebuck [redacted] advised that one other individual, [redacted] an employee of this restaurant, might have some information concerning [redacted]

Investigation at [redacted] reflected that [redacted] had moved from that address approximately six months ago and had left no forwarding address.

Investigation at Sears and Roebuck Department Store, Homan and Arthington, reflected that [redacted] is no longer employed by this firm and his last residence [redacted]

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address is [redacted]

he knew [redacted] and Country Restaurant Grumbull. [redacted] advised that [redacted] to be an intelligent [redacted] in the past several [redacted] people and was in a [redacted] advised that on December [redacted] to work at the Town and Country [redacted] spent three days in jail. A [redacted] to him that he was going to [redacted] added that on December 22, 1955, [redacted] apartment at 3972 Lake Park and [redacted] that he was awaiting \$100 which was [redacted] by his family in order that he could [redacted] day at which time [redacted] had in his [redacted] top coat which he had previously [redacted] this [redacted] believed that [redacted] must have \$100 from his home in order to get the [redacted] December 22, 1955, and believes that he [redacted] returned to Alabama at that time. He [redacted] he did not know [redacted] nor was he [redacted] degree of association between [redacted] and [redacted]

A check at the Hours of Train Cottage Grove, reflected that Cottage Grove, had pawned a brown top 15, 1955, for \$5. These records reflected this coat on December 22, 1955.

On December 29, 1955, [redacted] reinterviewed at which time she stated [redacted] had once had a girl friend named [redacted] the Straud Hotel on Pershing Road.

It will be noted that the [redacted] known as the Oakwood Hotel.

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CORRECTION



address is listed as [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he knew [redacted] as a fellow employee at the Town and Country Restaurant. He stated that [redacted] appeared to be an intelligent, likeable individual but one who in the past several months was associated with disreputable people and was in a constant state of drunkenness. [redacted] advised that on December 20, 1955, [redacted] had returned to work at the Town and Country Restaurant after having spent three days in jail. At this time [redacted] had indicated to him that he was going to return to Alabama. [redacted] added that on December 22, 1955, [redacted] came to his apartment at [redacted] and indicated at that time that he was awaiting \$100 which was being sent to him by his family in order that he could get back to Alabama. [redacted] advised that he had seen [redacted] later in the day at which time [redacted] had in his possession a brown top coat which he had previously pawned, because of this [redacted] believed that [redacted] must have gotten the \$100 from his home in order to get the coat out of pawn. [redacted] advised that he has not seen [redacted] since December 22, 1955, and believes that he must have returned to Alabama at that time. He advised that he did not know [redacted] nor was he familiar with the degree of association between [redacted] and [redacted].

A check at the Hours of Trains, 385 1/2 South Cottage Grove, reflected that [redacted] had pawned a brown top coat on November 15, 1955, for \$5. These records reflected that [redacted] reclaimed this coat on December 22, 1955.

On December 29, 1955, [redacted] was reinterviewed at which time she stated that [redacted] had once had a girl friend named [redacted] (LNU) staying at the Straud Hotel on Pershing Road.

It will be noted that the Straud Hotel is now known as the Oakwood Hotel.

[redacted] searched the records of the Oakwood Hotel but was unable to locate any individual by the name of [redacted] as having resided here in the past year. No record was located for [redacted]

[redacted] Oakwood Hotel, advised that he knew of no one named [redacted] nor a woman named [redacted] as having resided in this hotel. [redacted] was unable to recognize a photograph of the subject.

### Prosecutive Action

On December 23, 1955, on authorization of Assistant United States Attorney FRANK J. MC GARR, SA [redacted] filed complaint charging [redacted] with violation of Section 876, Title 18, United States Code, in that [redacted] did on or about December 20, 1955, cause a letter containing a threat to harm the person of JOHN H. JOHNSON to be transmitted through the mail to JOHN H. JOHNSON, 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Complaint was filed before United States Commissioner C. S. BENTLEY PIKE December 23, 1955. [redacted] appeared before United States Commissioner PIKE December 23, 1955. He was held on a bond of \$3,000 and remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal. Hearing was continued to December 29, 1955.

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On December 29, 1955, motion was made by defense before United States Commissioner PIKE for hearing on probable cause. Motion granted and case continued to January 4, 1956.

On January 3, 1956, the facts of this case were presented to Federal Grand Jury, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 4, 1956, subject appeared before United States Commissioner PIKE and hearing on probable cause was continued to January 9, 1956.

On January 9, 1956, at 11:00 a.m., subject appeared before United States Commissioner PIKE and

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was released inasmuch as the Government had failed to show probable cause. At 2:00 p.m. on January 9, 1956, the subject was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury; indictment number 56CRA, charging the subject with violation of Section 876, Title 18, United States Code. A bench warrant was issued by Federal Judge JOHN P. BARNES, United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois.

At approximately 2:15 p.m., January 9, 1956, the subject was re-arrested by SAs PETERS and GEORGE F. GILLEM at the intersection of 9th and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois. On January 12, 1956, subject appeared in Judge BARNES' court. Case was continued to January 16, 1956. Subject appeared in Judge BARNES' court on January 16, 1956 and case was continued until January 19, 1956.

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INFORMANTS

T-1

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] contacted January 3,  
1956 by SA WALTER E. PETERS.

T-2

[REDACTED]  
contacted on January 13, 1956 by SA WALTER E. PETERS.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

LEADS

THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

One copy of this report is being forwarded to the St. Louis Division inasmuch as there is a lead outstanding in that division to check Army records for hand-printing specimens and summary of Army service.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will follow prosecutive action.
2. Will report results of Laboratory examination presently pending.

REFERENCES

Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 12/22/55.  
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 12/23/55.

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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (9-2319)

1/13/56

DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, ST. LOUIS

ATT'N: FBI LAB

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[redacted] was;  
JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Re Bureau teletype to Chicago dated 12/29/55  
and Chicago airtel to St. Louis dated 12/30/55.

Enclosed herewith are two sets of photographs,  
pages two to seven of the subject's Selective Service  
questionnaire. It is requested that the handprinting  
in this questionnaire be compared with the handprinting  
that appears on items one through four as contained in  
Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 12/23/55. The enclosed  
material need not be returned to the Chicago Office.

USA, Chicago, anticipates that trial will com-  
mence 1/23 next.

If not done, St. Louis requested to expedite  
obtaining of handprinting specimens of subject as con-  
tained in military records and forward to laboratory.  
USA also requests that a summary of subject's military  
record be obtained and available in time for trial.

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12- ENCL Mr. Parsons

Cc. Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, ST. LOUIS (9-1193)

January 13, 1956

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY) 9-29282

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] wa

JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago Airtel dated 12-30-55. (Inter-Office)

Enclosed herewith are two (2) photostatic copies of a handprinted "REPORT OF MEDICAL HISTORY", undated, which appeared in the Army service record of [REDACTED] as maintained at AGO, DDMPRC, St. Louis, Mo. It is presumed that the enclosed copies were prepared by the subject.

The FBI Laboratory will use the enclosed specimens for comparison with known handprinting specimens now in its possession.

The FBI Laboratory may retain the enclosed specimens for their files upon completion of their examination.

The Office of Origin will report results of laboratory examination.

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ENCLOSURES: Two (2) copies of undated report of Medical History.

Mr. Rosen

CC: CHICAGO (9-2319)

OO: MR. ROSEN

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Chicago

January 27, 1956

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from Chicago on January 16, 1956, and from St. Louis on January 15, 1956. A description of all previous questioned and known material is set forth below.

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Re: [redacted] was. [redacted]  
[redacted] John H. Johnson

Victim  
EXTORTION

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 9-2319  
FBI FILE NO. 9-29282  
LAB. NO. D-218119 BF  
D-218434 BF  
D-219416 BF  
D-219296 BF

Examination requested by: Chicago and St. Louis

Reference: Letters 12-23-55 and 12-30-55  
Airtels 1-13-56 and 1-13-56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

Evidence submitted with your letter 12-23-55

- Q1 One envelope addressed to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Ill." postmarked, "Chicago, Illinois, December 14, 1955.
- Q2 One letter addressed "Mr. Johnson:-" dated December 15, 1955, beginning with the sentence "We have let you operate for 10 years..."
- Q3 One envelope addressed to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill." postmarked "Chicago, Illinois, December 20, 12 M, 1955."
- Q4 One Christmas card with message inside dated December 20, 1955, beginning with the words: "This is our second reply. We wanted to..."
- K1 Five envelopes and nine pages bearing the known hand printing of Richard Bowles.

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Evidence received with your letter dated 12-30-55

- Kc2 Photographic prints of an application for employment with the U. S. Post Office dated November 10, 1955, containing the known hand printing of [REDACTED]  
K3 Three plain white envelopes obtained from Chicago Christian Industrial League.

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Evidence received from St. Louis with Airtel dated 1-13-56

- Kc4 Two Photostats of a Report of Medical History bearing the known hand printing of [REDACTED]

Evidence received from your office with Airtel dated 1-13-56

- Kc5 Photographs of a six-page Statement of Registrant bearing the known handwriting of [REDACTED]

Results of examination:

This Laboratory report also acknowledges Chicago Airtel dated January 20, 1956.

Additional comparisons were made on the basis of the additional undictated known hand printing of [REDACTED] designated as Kc4 and Kc5. Because the questioned and known hand printing do not contain enough individual and consistent hand printing characteristics in common and because some of the hand printed letters comprising Q1 through Q4 might have been careful and deliberate changes from the writers normal formations of these letters, a definite conclusion was not reached as to whether or not [REDACTED], whose dictated and undictated known hand printing specimens appear on K1, Kc2, Kc4 and Kc5, wrote the questioned hand printing on Q1 through Q4. However, there were significant hand printing similarities noted between this questioned and known hand printing. Additional known samples of [REDACTED] hand printing would be of doubtful value and, therefore, none is requested at this time.

Specimens Q1 through Q4 and K1 through K3 are returned herewith. Photographs were made. Specimens Kc4 and Kc5 will be retained in the Laboratory's files.

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Miss Gandy	_____

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Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (9-2319)

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, ST. LOUIS

[REDACTED] wa;  
JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Subject appeared before U.S. District Judge  
JOHN BARNES, Chicago, 1/19/56 and entered plea of guilty.  
Sentenced five years custody Attorney General. Report  
follows.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO

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TITLE <div>                    </div> was.; JOHN H. JOHNSON - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject appeared before U. S. District Judge JOHN P. BARNES, Chicago, on 1/19/56, entered plea of guilty, sentenced five years custody of Attorney General. Place of incarceration, U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana. Disposition sheet submitted.

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DETAILS AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On January 19, 1956, the subject appeared before United States District Judge JOHN P. BARNES, United States District Court, Eastern Division, Northern District of Illinois, and entered a plea of guilty. Subject was sentenced to a term of five years in the custody of the Attorney General.

On January 26, 1956, Deputy United States Marshal, EDWARD SULLIVAN advised that the subject's place of incarceration was the Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana.

On February 2, 1956, Assistant United States Attorney JAMES B. PARSONS was consulted as to the disposition of four items found in the subject's possession at the time of his

3 ENCLOSURE

See Parson Report, Bu Prison 2-29282-20  
R/S (0.6) 2-14-56. E.H.H.mh

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arrest, submitted by the Chicago Division at the time of the subject's arrest on December 22, 1955:

One copy of Jet magazine, dated July 7, 1955;  
One copy of Jet magazine dated April 21, 1955;  
One CTA transfer #663327 dated December 22, 1955;  
One red address book.

On the instructions of Assistant United States Attorney PARSONS, these items are to be destroyed.

The above mentioned items were destroyed by SA [redacted] on February 2, 1956 in accord with Assistant United States Attorney PARSONS' instructions.

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ENCLOSURES (4) BUREAU: One Disposition Sheet.  
Three copies of Parole Report.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/20/56 at Chicago.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE



JOHNSON PUBLISHING CO., INC.

1820 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CHICAGO 16, ILL.

JOHN H. JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT

February 27 1956

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Mr. Hoover: I am writing to express my thanks for the fine cooperation and help that was given 5-1 me by the Chicago office of the FBI.

A young man tried to extort some money from me by sending a threatening letter through the mail. The letter was turned over to the local office of the FBI and the case was handled by [redacted] and Mr. Roswell T. Spencer. Their efforts resulted in the arrest and conviction of the extortionist, who received a five year sentence.

Both [redacted] and Mr. Spencer were conscientious and considerate at all times and though it was a frightening experience, their devotion to duty in handling the case certainly gave me a feeling of protection and high appreciation for the fine work which is constantly being done by the FBI.

Very truly yours

John H. Johnson

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EX-121

8 MAR 7 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Seated at 10/16 1956

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March 2, 1956

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Mr. John H. Johnson  
President  
Johnson Publishing Company, Inc.  
1820 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 27, 1956, in which you mentioned the work of the FBI in bringing to justice the individual who recently attempted to extort money from you by means of a threatening letter.

I have made copies of your communication available to our Chicago Office, and I know that Mr. Donald S. Hostetter, Special Agent in Charge, and Special Agents [redacted] and Roswell T. Spencer will be as appreciative as I am of your generous remarks.

It is a pleasure to have had this opportunity to be of service, and I know you will not hesitate to call upon us any time a matter arises within our jurisdiction wherein we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover

3 cc's Chicago, with copies of incoming  
cc - Personnel File of [redacted] with copy of incoming  
cc - Personnel File of Roswell T. Spencer, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Correspondent is President of Johnson Publishing Co., which is the largest producer of Negro publications in the United States. Among their publications are included "Jet" and "Ebony." In instant case Johnson notified the Commissioner of the Chicago P.D. on 12/22/55 that he had received two threatening letters. The matter was referred immediately to the Chicago office and they were able to effect the apprehension of [redacted] at 7:00 a.m. on the same date with the assistance of the Chicago P.D. [redacted] also [redacted] was sentenced to 5 years in the custody of the Prison [redacted] after a trial [redacted]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
G. A. NEASE

DATE: 5-1-58

FROM : D. J. PARSONS

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SUBJECT:

JOHN H. JOHNSON  
VIKEX

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RECORD SECTION

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

There is enclosed the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Branch.

Enclosure

60 MAY 2 1958

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August 30, 1963

JOHN H. JOHNSON

MAILED

Born: January 19, 1918

SEP 5 1963

Arkansas City, Arkansas

NAME CHECK

No investigation ~~pertinent to your inquiry~~ has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your name-check request.

"Who's Who in America," 1962-1963 edition lists John H. Johnson as an editor and publisher. It indicates he was editor of the "Negro Digest," Chicago, Illinois, from 1942 until 1951, and is presently president of the Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The "Negro Digest" was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1948, page 225, as among publications which the committee found "to be communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system." The Fifth Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1949, page 547, indicated that the "Negro Digest" was published weekly in Chicago, Illinois, and was published and edited by John H. Johnson.

Files of this Bureau reveal that as of November, 1953, the Johnson Publishing Company, published the following magazines: "Ebony," "Tan," "Copper," "Jet," and "Lue." We were advised as of 1953 that the company-policy was to concentrate on the positive achievements of members of the Negro race with very little deviation from that policy. As of the same year Ben Burns, also known as Benjamin Burnstein, was the executive editor of "Ebony." Burns was a member of the Communist Party (CP) in 1946 but was expelled from the CP in September, 1948. He was reportedly a former member of the

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of ~~the files~~

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

No Lab. File

Re: [redacted] was. [redacted]  
[redacted] John H. Johnson -  
Victim  
EXTORTION

File #  
Lab. # D 218119 BF

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Examination requested by: Sac, Chicago (9-2319)

Date of reference communication: Let. 12-23-55

Date received: 12-27-55

Examination requested: Document & Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Q1-4 no conc K1 because variations noted which might be due to disguise in the H.P. But the noted which suggest d'd'e and the UCHP of [redacted] will be helpful in further exam.  
ALL EVIDENCE WILL BE HELD FOR 30 days

HP Q1-4 made by ALF

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 One envelope addressed to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 South Michigan, Chicago, Ill." postmarked, "Chicago, Illinois, December 14, 1955."
- Q2 One letter addressed "Mr. Johnson:—" dated December 15, 1955, beginning with the sentence "We have let you operate for 10 years..."
- Q3 One envelope addressed to "Mr. John H. Johnson, 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill." postmarked "Chicago, Illinois December 20, 12 M, 1955."
- Q4 One Christmas card with message inside dated December 20, 1955, beginning with the words: "This is our second reply. We wanted to...."
- K1 Five envelopes and nine pages bearing the known handwriting of Richard Bowles.

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Lab. #  
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Teletype  
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Specimens examined and one  
latent palm print developed  
on back of ~~the~~ your item  
4. No palm prints of <sup>subject</sup> ~~suspect~~  
available on file.



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STAPLE HOLES

Q2 Pink (pale) bond [in pencil] No WM  
Red adhesive along top edge

Thick .0044" to .0046"

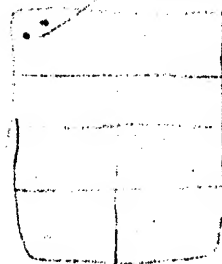
2.4058g

R — 6.00"  
L — 6.00"  
Top — 5.45"  
Bottom — 5.47"



Q4 (message in pencil) ART GUILD (CHRISTMAS CARD)  
OF  
WILLIAMSBURG  
15-8

STAPLE HOLE



Q3 white bond env. NO WM

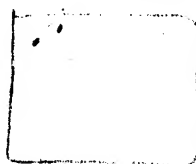
.0040" Thick

Greeting Card size

R 4.60"  
L 4.60"  
T 5.75"  
B 5.76"

2.580g

STAPLE



Q1 White Bond ENV. NO WM  
Thick .0040

R 3.62"  
L 3.62"  
T 6.46"  
B 6.46"

2.7502g



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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re

[Redacted]

was;

John H. Johnson - Victim  
Extortion

ALAB File

File #

Lab. # 218434 BF

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Examination requested by: Chicago

Date of reference communication: 12/30

Date received: 1/3/56

Examination requested: Doc

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

[Redacted] K1 & K2 no conc H.P. Q1-4 lack of a suff. # of strong fring h.w. characteristics & limited comparable H.P. on Post Office application <sup>known</sup>

Desirable to submit Add'l Undie H.P. of [Redacted] with more letters of ALPHABET.  
Q1 (Question postm. 12/4/55 not identical Known envelope (K3) submitted Relat as cut on different dies & made of paper of different thickness and weight.

Specimens submitted for examination

K2 ~~the~~ photographic prints of an application for employment with the [Redacted] dated Nov. 10, 1955 containing the known h.p. of [Redacted]

K3 Three plain white envelopes ~~each identified with the date 12/29/55~~ obtained from Chicago Christian Industrial League.

K3 "NO PRINTS"

601/271 - Date 1-24-56

frame 357 - 358

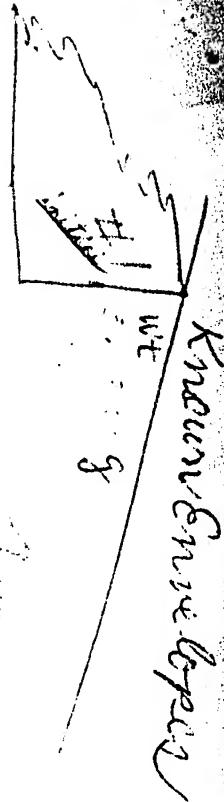
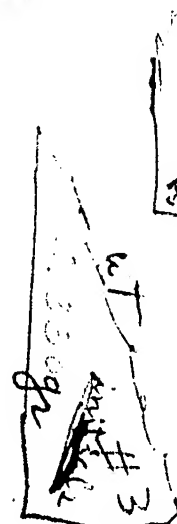
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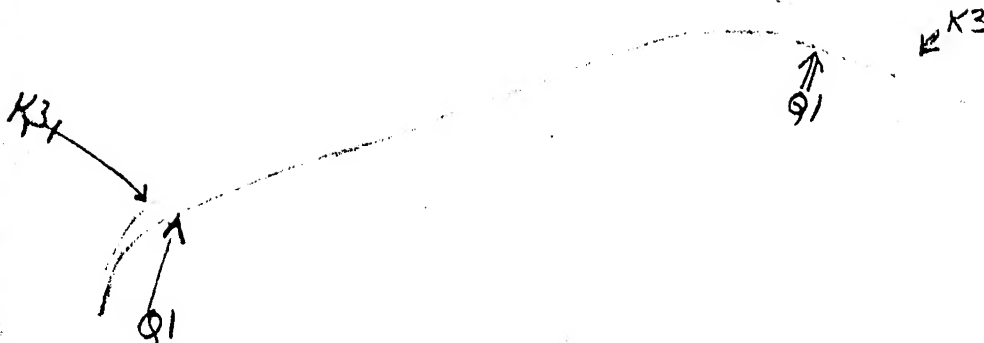
K3 { ALL THREE  
 .00486  
 .0050" thickness  
 WT #1 3.320g  
 #2 3.270g  
 #3 3.330g

whereas  
 Q1 .0040" thick  
 Q2 2.7502 grams

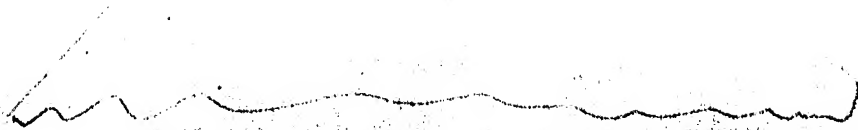
C 300  
 203500g



Known Envelope



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K2 PK CT W  
Q2 K

Q D

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K2 J M B COTTAGE GROVE CHICAGO ILL  
Q4 TT

K2 ANY [REDACTED] DATE NOV 1954 G G  
CALLED SOUTH SIDE  
Q4 R/E AD  
Q4 TOLD  
Q4 P/D  
Q4 DUBILE?

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Re: [redacted] wa.

File # 9-29282  
Lab. # D-219296 BF

[redacted]  
JOHN H. JOHNSON -  
VIKEX

Examination requested by: SAC, St. Louis (9-1193)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 1/13/56 Date received: 1/15/56

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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Specimens submitted for examination

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Kcl4 Two Photostats of a Report of Medical History  
bearing the known hand printing of [redacted]

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1/19/56 MC

LAB FILE

Re: , was.,  
JOHN H. JOHNSON  
VIKEX

File # 9-29282  
Lab. # D-219416 BF

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Examination requested by: SAC, Chicago (9-2319)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 1/13/56 Date received: 1/16/56

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*HP Q1-4 no come  K1, K2, K4 & C5 because the guest  
& K1 h.p. does not contain enough  
individual & consistent h.p. characteristics  
and also because the guest h.p. may contain some  
letters drawn out carefully to*  
Specimens submitted for examination

Kc5 Photographs of a six-page Statement of Registrant  
bearing the known handwriting of

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*Lab  
1-27-56  
DAD:PT*

*2 cc St Louis (see attached WK sheet)  
9-1193*

① A<sup>K4</sup>

② B<sup>K</sup>

③ C<sup>K</sup> VARIES

④ D<sup>X</sup>

⑤ E<sup>X</sup>

⑥ F

⑦ G<sup>VARIES</sup>

⑧ H

⑨ I<sup>K</sup>

⑩ J

⑪ K<sup>K</sup>

⑫ L

⑬ M

KCS WITH K4 & K6

← VARIES

D<sup>K</sup>

F<sup>K</sup>

F

G<sup>K</sup>

H<sup>K</sup>

I

J<sup>X</sup> L<sup>X</sup> M<sup>X</sup> N<sup>X</sup>

K<sup>K</sup>

L<sup>K</sup>

① M<sup>K4</sup>

② N

③ P<sup>K</sup>

④ Q

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⑩ W<sup>K</sup>

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⑫ Y-29282

⑬ Z

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V<sup>K</sup> W<sup>K</sup>

X<sup>K</sup> Y<sup>K</sup> Z<sup>K</sup>

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1/19/56 MC

LAB FILE

Re:  was.,  
JOHN H. JOHNSON  
VIKEX

File #  
Lab. # 9-29282  
D-219416 DP

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Examination requested by: SAC, Chicago (9-2319)  
Date of reference communication: Airtel 1/13/56 Date received: 1/16/56  
Examination requested: Document  
Result of Examination: Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

Kc5 Photographs of a six-page Statement of Registrant  
bearing the known handwriting of

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**RECORDED  
1/19/56 MC**

**LAB FILE**

**Re:**

[Redacted] WA.  
[Redacted]

**File #**

**Lab. #**

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**D-219296 BF**

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**JOHN H. JOHNSON -  
VIKEX**

**Examination requested by:**

**SAC, St. Louis (9-1193)**

**Date of reference communication:**

**Date received:**

**Airtel 1/13/56**

**1/15/56**

**Examination requested:**

**Document**

**Result of Examination:**

**Examination by:**

[Redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

**Kc4 Two Photostats of a Report of Medical History  
bearing the known hand printing of [Redacted]**

*encl  
Kc2 (copy) enclosed*

*Kc2 copies & K3 returned  
1/27/55*

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